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MALBONE LODGE, No. 81, N. E. O. P., John P. Sanborn, Warden; James H. Goddard, Secretary; meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings in each month.

THE NEWPORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Richard Gardner, President; Thomas Fieldhouse, Secretary; meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in each month.

REDWOOD LODGE, No. 11, K. of P., David Bliss, Chancellor; Robert S. Franklin, Keeper of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.

DAVIS DIVISION, No. 8, U. R. K. of P., H. Knight Captain; George A. Wilcox, Everett L. Gordon, Recorder; meets first Friday evening in each month.

NEWPORT CAMP, No. 757, M. W. A., A. A. Page, V. M. Connel; Charles S. Tucker, Clerk; meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings in each month.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, Ancient Order of Hibernians, meets second and fourth Thursday in each month.

Local Matters.

Trust Company Enjoined.

R. C. Derby on Monday petitioned the Supreme Court for a temporary injunction restraining the Newport Trust Company from obstructing the Commercial wharf and from constructing south of the previous boundary line. The petition was granted and a hearing was ordered for July 26. This injunction is the outgrowth of the effort made by the Trust Company to erect a new building at the corner of Thames street and Commercial wharf. The company claims to own more land than was actually occupied by the old bank building and when the plans for the new building were drawn they contemplated the use of all the land belonging to the company. When the latter boards were erected they indicated that the new building would come well into the present roadway and the agent of the property, Mr. Derby, objected. The work was postponed for a while, but was begun again this week, with the result of Mr. Derby securing the temporary injunction as mentioned above.

The department officers paid a visit to the Women's Relief Corp. of Charles E. Lawton Post Tuesday. The corps entertained the officers at dinner, after which there were speeches, recitations and a general good time. At 8 o'clock a business meeting was held. Mrs. Ford, the department inspector, was presented with a basket of flowers by Mrs. Clara Lake and a fan by Mrs. William Dunbar.

The Newport and Wickford line has inaugurated a new sleeping car service to and from New York. Every Friday at midnight a sleeping car will leave 42nd street station New York, running to Wickford landing. Passengers by this route arrive here at 6.30 a. m. Saturday. The sleeper connects at Wickford landing with the boat leaving Newport at 11 p. m. Sundays.

The Central Baptist Church seems to have its full share of college graduates this year. The list includes Williston W. Barker, George Burdick, Philip Caswell, Brown University; Edward A. Sherman, William A. Sherman, Harvard University; and George T. Seabury, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as Miss Ethel G. Babcock of the Rogers High School.

The Newport City Documents and list of Taxpayers, making a volume of about four hundred pages, has just been printed at the MERCURY OFFICE. The book is a handsome job of printing and the contents are of interest to every taxpayer. The work is for gratuitous distribution at the City Hall.

Colonel A. A. Barker gave an interesting talk Wednesday evening at his home on attacks made by the U. S. troops on the Philippine insurgents. Officers from the Newport Artillery, Newport Naval Reserve and others were present to listen to the lecture, which proved an exceedingly interesting one.

Mr. Harwood E. Read, Jr., has returned from Washington.

Block Island Devastated.

Famous Summer Resort Visited by Fire Friday morning, Destroying National Hotel, Narragansett Cafe and Several Smaller Buildings Including Telegraph Office—Loss \$100,000 Partly Insured.

At 11.15 Thursday night a fire which proved the most disastrous that ever swept Block Island broke out in the loft of a barn owned by H. A. Mott, between the Ocean Cottage and Macomber's Cafe. It is supposed that it originated from a cigarette or cigar thrown among the hay by boot blacks who have lately been permitted to sleep there. A brisk breeze was blowing from the Southwest and from the outset it was evident that the fire would be a serious one. The first cries of fire brought a large and motley crowd to the scene and all hands turned to with a will to extinguish the blaze. Vic Hure burst in the door and made futile attempts to put the fire out. Then as there is no organized fire department on the island a bucket brigade was formed and the hose from the Ocean View was sent for.

An usual at such times there were too many "chiefs" and valuable time was lost and the fire made rapid headway. Volunteers led the frightened horses from the stable and dragged out the carriages and the flour, of which there was a number of barrels. The work of the bucket brigade was not of much use and water was scarce. Finally the hose arrived and was adjusted to the hydrant on Water street and the water turned on but as the pressure was light the men were unable to get near enough to the barn to do much effective work and the barn was quickly enveloped in flames. The attention of the men was then directed towards saving the surrounding buildings and especially those to leeward as the wind was blowing clouds of brilliant sparks in their direction. In spite of their efforts however the wine room of Macomber's Cafe soon caught and the flames, fanned by the wind, made such headway that the workers had barely time to rescue the furniture and stock and transport them to a place of safety.

The building was a light frame structure and burned like tinder emitting showers of sparks that boded no good to surrounding property. The cafe was soon a seething mass of flames and in ruins, not before, however, the Narragansett Hotel, fifty feet away had caught. The hotel has lately been used by Macomber's employees as a boarding house. The hotel was soon burned to the ground notwithstanding the strenuous efforts made to save it and the fire assumed such serious proportions that it threatened the entire row of buildings along Water street, facing the harbor, as far as Main street. The next building was the Nakad, owned by L. Littlefield, as were also the hotel and cafe. It was run as a souvenir store by Noel Mitchell and was full of stock and boxes and papers used in the manufacture of salt water taffy. It was a small building and the fire fighters tried to demolish it by tearing it down and by blowing it up. The blast was not very successful however, and the heat was so great that the building soon fell a victim to the flames.

There now remained but one building between the quickly spreading fire and the large National Hotel and though the wind had now died down considerably it seemed that the National must surely go. The intervening building was the telegraph office and Weather Bureau combined. By this time a large crowd of the hotel guests and islanders had gathered and, recognizing the danger, had formed a continuous line from the harbor across the beach and road and up three flights of stairs to the top floor of the National and passed buckets of salt water to be poured upon the sides of the hotel and the roof of the Telegraph office which was already beginning to burn. The line consisted of men, women and boys who deserve great credit for the heroic resistance they made. They worked incessantly for over an hour and it looked at first as though their efforts would be crowned with success and the National would be saved though the telegraph office quickly succumbed to the awful flame. The right was almost joyful, for one good stream from an ordinary city fire department hose would have made short work of the fire while the puny stream from the only available hose was totally ineffectual. The guests of the hotel had become thoroughly alarmed and had all taken themselves and their belongings to other hotels. At last with a triumphant leap the flames embraced once end of the National and it was at once evident that the struggle of the fire fighters had simply postponed the inevitable. It was a most spectacular sight as the flames bow circled lovingly about the wood work and piazza. In less than an hour the entire building was a heap of glowing ruins. To prevent the fire spreading along Main street rather heroic methods were resorted to and Simon's Tailor Shop was pulled down.

Another volunteer brigade fought vigorously to protect the Surf Hotel on the other side of Main street, directly opposite the National and though the flames appeared in two different places upon it and the entire front was badly charred it was saved at last and the fire died down about five o'clock, leaving as the result of its night's work a smoldering heap of ruins.

The losses are: H. A. Mott about \$700, insured; L. Littlefield, unknown, insured; Noel Mitchell \$1000, insured; Ray G. Lewis, \$50,000 light insurance; Mrs. Willis, \$1000, insured.

City Clerk Qualifies.

Mr. David Stevens, the newly elected city clerk, has qualified by taking the oath of office before City Solicitor Burdick. His bondsmen are Henry Hull and Robert W. Curry. Mr. Stevens is excellently qualified to perform the duties connected with the office, having been for a number of years intimately associated with public affairs. He has served three terms in the common council, during a part of that time having been chairman of the joint committee on finance. He was librarian of the People's Library for more than 25 years and is prominent in Masonic and club offices.

Gen. Thomas J. Morgan, formerly principal of the R. I. State Normal School, died at Yonkers, N. Y., Sunday. Gen. Morgan was born in Franklin, Ind. In 1861 he enlisted as a private and rose to be brevet brigadier-general. President Harrison made him commissioner of Indian affairs. Gen. Morgan was secretary of the Baptist Home mission society.

A row among the servants at the summer villa of Mr. E. J. Berwind has resulted in the arrest of Edward J. Morris, charged with assault on John Congreve, the latter being seriously injured about the head. The trouble occurred in the pantry of the Berwind residence Tuesday night, both parties to the trouble being servants there.

The steamer Warwick is now running between Providence, Newport, Narragansett Pier and Block Island in place of the Mount Hope which was disabled this week. The Ray Queen has taken the place of the Warwick on the run between Providence and Newport.

Rev. J. Frank Fleming, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in this city, has passed a successful examination for rank of chaplain in the United States Navy and is waiting to receive his commission and orders for duty.

Mrs. Sarah P. Bowen, daughter of the late Benj. Mumford, is visiting her sister Mrs. E. R. Sterne, and other relatives in this city. Her home is in Detroit, Mich., and it has been 23 years since she was here before.

The Mercury job printing office is turning out some fine specimens of work. All new designs of type are in use. No finer work can be done in Rhode Island. Call and get prices.

Ralph Rogers, son of Col. John Rogers, of this city, accompanied by a friend, was staying at the National Hotel on Block Island Thursday night when the hotel was burned.

Mrs. Geo. W. Swinburne, Miss Susan W. Swinburne, Mrs. E. R. Sterne and Mrs. Dr. Robinson left here Thursday for New Brunswick where they will spend the summer.

The U. S. practice ship Chesapeake arrived in the harbor yesterday morning. The Chesapeake is on a cruise with a crew of midshipmen from the Naval Academy.

There was another big Boston excursion here Thursday. These trains bring a good class of people and the excursions are very popular this year.

Through the courtesy of Manager Steady, thirty inmates of the Children's Home attended the matinee Wednesday afternoon at Freebody Park.

Miss Lillian Gilman and Mr. Charles Henderson were quietly married on Saturday evening and left on the New York boat for a wedding trip.

St. Joseph's church is being painted on the interior in preparation for the Martin-Oelrichs wedding which will take place there.

Miss Grannis, who was recently elected librarian of the People's Library, to succeed Mr. David Stevens, has tendered her resignation.

Mr. Lawrence Gresson has been appointed clerk of the executive officer at the Naval Training Station.

Lieut. Victor Blue, U. S. N., aide to Admiral Cooper, has received orders to command gunboat Hiet.

Superintendent Lull and his family are enjoying a visit at North Wren, N. H.

The Mount Hope.

Meets with Serious Accident—A Young Boy Injured—Flaw in Machinery Causes a Commotion Among the Passengers, and Cost of Repairs will be \$5,000.

The handsome steamer Mount Hope met with her first serious accident after leaving Narragansett Pier for Block Island on Monday. A sudden breakage of the machinery caused the large steel driving rod to crash through the pit, carrying destruction before it. Resounding crashes were heard and the after part of the boat was filled with steam. For a minute the passengers were terror stricken but a few cool heads prevented a panic. Word was sent to Narragansett Pier and a tug was sent out from Newport and towed the stricken steamer in there.

The Mount Hope left the Pier and started for Block Island as usual. Passengers were moving back and forth across her roomy decks and everybody was enjoying themselves. Suddenly there was a crash as of broken glass coming from the main saloon on the second deck. A terrific racket with thunderous pounding was heard. Steam poured from the engine room and the pit above. The passengers screamed and those in the immediate vicinity of the break hurried to the main deck. Even while the noise continued, however, cool heads were shouting to remain still, that the danger was past. The noise lasted for but a few seconds and then the machinery was still, the handsome steamer lying helpless on the bosom of a fortunately calm sea. As soon as the officers could gain the deck where the most danger had been it was found that the only serious injury was received by a young boy who was near the stairway of the main saloon and who was probably wounded by flying glass. He was picked up and carried to a state room and was treated by a physician who was on board. His injuries while painful were not dangerous and consisted principally of severe cuts on his face one cheek being laid open to a considerable length. He also had some bruises but nothing of a serious nature. A number of ladies fainted but were quickly restored.

The boy's name is Clarence Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reid of 55 Bellevue avenue, Providence. His father and mother were on board and were quite overcome by grief at the accident that befell him.

The accident was caused by the breaking of the strap connecting the driving rod from the walking beam with the main shaft. The loosened rod flew through the air demolishing wherever it struck. The steam cylinder was burst and poured hot steam into the wreck. Assistant engineer John Hurley was on duty in the engine room and with ready presence of mind shut off steam and stopped the machinery thus ending all danger. As the destruction wrought by the rod was entirely confined to the upper works there was no damage done to the hull.

As soon as the amount of damage was learned Captain Ricketson signalled a fishing boat and sent Purser Waller ashore to telegraph for a tug. Although there were many fishing craft in sight there was no tug in the vicinity and there was nothing to do but wait for assistance in response to the summons. Fortunately the sea was smooth and the passengers had no other discomfort than that caused by the tedious waiting.

After four hours of waiting, at ten minutes before four, the tug Gaspee arrived in sight from the West channel around Beavertail. The Mount Hope had by this time drifted into the Newport channel where she was picked up by the Gaspee and taken into Newport. Needless to say the passengers were delighted to be again on terra firma.

The Mount Hope has been running to Block Island since 1881 and has never before had a serious accident. She is speedy and safe and carries a careful and competent set of officers and crew. This accident will necessitate her being laid off during the busy and profitable season. Although the captain and chief engineer were at dinner when the accident occurred the manner in which the vessel was handled was highly commendable. The accident was of the kind that may be described as unavoidable, a flaw in the strap being responsible for the whole affair. The Mount Hope was brought into Newport and will be taken to New York for repairs. It is estimated that the expense of repairs to the machinery alone will reach \$5,000. When the loss of business during the month of August is considered the expenses will amount to a high figure.

There may be a split in the Republican party of New Hampshire on the prohibition question. Alonzo Elliot, a prominent Manchester banker, announced himself as a candidate for governor on the issue of high license, and if the Republican convention does not give him the nomination he will probably run independently.

Recent Deaths.

William Gould Stevens.

Mr. William G. Stevens, who for 25 years had filled the responsible position of city clerk of Newport, died at the Newport Hospital on Saturday last after a brief illness. He was taken ill in his office a week previously and was removed to his home, being subsequently taken to the Newport Hospital, suffering from a total collapse. He had the best medical treatment but his system was so completely exhausted that he could not rally.

Mr. Stevens was a son of the late Benjamin C. and Ann Gould Stevens. He had spent practically all his life in this city and received his education in the public schools here. After obtaining his education he was employed as bookkeeper in several of the large establishments well known by the older Newporters, including Edward Sherman's dry goods store, Lawton Brothers and the Aquidneck Mill.

In 1877 he was elected city clerk and held that position until his death. During his long term of office he had familiarized himself with every detail of municipal affairs and was regarded as an authority on matters connected with the city. He was accurate and painstaking in the smallest matter with which he was concerned and administered the affairs of his office in an excellent manner. When he first assumed the duties of office the salary was small but his services and the increasing duties of his position were so much appreciated by the city government that at the time of his death he was the highest salaried officer in the city. His election each year was generally without opposition.

Mr. Stevens was a Past Master and one of the oldest members of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Past Commander of Washington Commandery, No. 4, K. T., and Past High Priest of Newport Royal Arch Chapter. He was also a member of St. John's Mutual Beneficial Association, of Coronet Council, Royal Arcanum, of Gen. G. K. Warren Post Associates and of the Newport County Club. He was secretary of the Savings Bank of Newport and trustee of the Newport Hospital. He leaves a widow but no children.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church on Tuesday and were very largely attended. Rev. Brewer D. Boardman officiated. The remains were escorted from his late residence to the church by a procession composed of the mayor, members of the city council, city officers, Cornet Council, Royal Arcanum, Washington Commandery, No. 4, K. T., and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. The line was headed by the Newport Band. The bearers were Joseph W. Simpson, H. C. Stevens, Jr., John Mason, William O. Milne, Overton G. Jaugley, James H. Connick, Duncan McLean, John H. Wetberell, Alex. N. Barker, W. G. Ward, Jr., Herbert Bliss and Robert S. Franklin.

The floral tributes were numerous and testified to the respect in which he was held. Music was furnished by a special quartette, consisting of Mrs. Rooney, Miss Martland, Mr. Swann and Mr. Albino. The masonic ritual was conducted at the grave.

Mrs. Barton L. Treat.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. S. Viola Treat, wife of Mr. Burton L. Treat, at her residence on Wesley street, Saturday evening, came as a shock to her relatives and friends.

Mrs. Treat had been in poor health for some time, and on Saturday morning she submitted to a surgical operation which was thought to have been successful and her family were so hopeful of her recovery that some were away from the house at the time of her death. About half past six Mr. Treat and her sisters were called to her bedside by the nurses and the rest of the family were summoned by telephone but she was dead before they arrived.

Mrs. Treat took up her residence here about five years ago and during that time she had endeared herself to many hearts by her kind and sympathetic disposition. Her one thought was for others, being always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need of assistance. Even when her sickness was manifesting itself, she still continued to administer to the wants of friends who were ill and did not give up until she was compelled to.

Three brothers and four sisters survive her: Mr. George E. Martin, of this city, and Messrs. Joseph J. and William Martin, of Hartford, Ct., and Mrs. Edward T. Molden, of this city; Mrs. W. H. Balfie, of St. Louis, Miss. Mrs. Charles Findlay, of Chester, Ill., and Mrs. J. J. Seimoth, of Hartford, Ct.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Chandler, of the Marlborough street M. E. Church, officiating. Miss Cora Gosling sang "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me." The remains were inclosed in a handsome silver gray casket of broadcloth surrounded

with beautiful floral tributes sent from friends far and near. At 1.15 o'clock the body was forwarded to Manchester, Ct., where funeral services were held Tuesday morning from the North Congregational church, Rev. C. H. Barber, officiating. The bearers were Messrs. George H. Allen, Joseph Carter, A. L. Brown, Fred Pholman and Frank Spencer. The interment was in Centre cemetery.

Republican Association.

The Board of Managers of the Newport Republican Association met Thursday night and organized by the choice of U. S. Senator George Peabody Wetmore, president; ex-Mayor P. P. Garretson, vice president; Thomas B. Congdon, secretary and treasurer. The selection of names for the various committees required, under the Constitution was left to a committee to report at the next meeting. The Association starts off in good shape and it appears to be the determination of the organization to get the party in shape this fall to present a united front to the enemy.

Newport was visited by a severe electrical storm Tuesday night. Although no damage was done about the city, at Jamestown, near Conanicut Park, a barn was struck by lightning and burned. During the storm rain fell in torrents and the wind blew a hurricane, the appearance of the sky being much the same as during the famous August hail storm of some years ago. The lightning was very sharp and the thunder heavy. A number of excursions and other entertainments were interfered with.

Rear Admiral P. H. Cooper, U. S. N., who will have charge of the naval defense of the coast during the summer manoeuvres around this vicinity, has arrived at the Naval War College. He is accompanied by his flag officer, Lieutenant Victor Blue, who won considerable fame in Cuba during the Spanish war.

Mr. Thomas G. Brown, accompanied by his son and daughter, has been visiting his brother, Rev. J. Eldred Brown, at Block Island this week. Rev. Mr. Brown is rector of Trinity church at Norwich, but is officiating at St. Ann's-by-the-Sea at Block Island during the month of July.

The week of yacht racing off Newport planned for this week has been postponed until the annual cruise of the New York Yacht Club takes place. Many of the yachts have departed from the harbor, some of them having suffered accidents in the few races that were held.

Thursday evening the moonlight excursion of the First Presbyterian church took place. A large party, with a band of music, on the City of Newport left Commercial wharf at half past eight, and sailed up the bay. The affair was by all pronounced a success.

The annual fair book and list of premiums for the Newport County Agricultural Society's fair has just been printed at this office and will be ready for distribution next week. It makes a handsome volume of 72 pages.

Funeral services for the late William Drew were held Wednesday afternoon and were attended by Charles E. Lawton Post, G. A. R., and Canonchet Lodge, G. U. O. O. F., the line being headed by the Military Band.

Captain E. St. J. Greble, formerly assigned to duty at Fort Adams and well known here, has been badly injured by being crushed by a piece of field artillery at West Point.

Miss Alice P. Higbee and Miss Rita Higbee, daughters of Edward W. Higbee, tax collector, with their brother, Master Wyman Higbee, are visiting relatives in Hyde Park, Mass.

Mrs. Edward Griffith and her two children are visiting Mr. A. H. Sayles at his summer camp in Passacon, R. I. Mrs. Griffith expects to be out of town about three weeks.

Mr. Daniel Seagrave, a prominent book and job publisher of Worcester, was in the city this week and took occasion to look over the home of the Newport Mercury.

The new steamer New Shoreham made a record run between Providence and Block Island last Sunday, making the trip, including a stop at Newport, in 3 hours and 27 minutes.

Miss Clara A. Eddy, daughter of Mrs. Emily M. Eddy of this city, graduated from the New Haven, Ct. Hospital on June 16th.

Thursday, the Sunday School of the Central Baptist church had a most enjoyable picnic at Southwick's Grove.

Steamer Priscilla has reached New York where she was taken for repairs after her recent collision.

The farmers on the island are holding their potatoes until better prices can be obtained.

CAUGHT IN SQUALL

Fourteen People Drowned in Portsmouth Harbor

WHALEBOAT UNLOADED

With a Party of Young People, Some Name of Whom Were Schoolteachers, Employed at a Summer Hotel—But These Survivors of Disaster

Portsmouth, N. H., July 18.—A 16-foot whaleboat containing 17 waters and waitresses employed at the Ocean House, Mass. Island, Isles of Shoals, who had gone out in the bay yesterday afternoon on a pleasure trip in charge of Skipper Fred Miles, was capsized during a sudden squall and 14 of the occupants were drowned. The other three were rescued by fishermen who put out from the shore in their dories. The names of the drowned are: Henry Farrington, Cambridge, Mass.; W. A. Alward, Portsmouth, N. H.; Martha Graham, Danvers, Mass.; Elsie McDonald, Cambridge, Mass.; Eva Adams, Portsmouth, N. H.; May Adams, sister of above; Catherine Hayes, Haverhill, Mass.; Elizabeth Hayes, sister of Catherine; Emma Chase, Malden, Mass.; Anna Sheehan, Medford, Mass.; Eva Marshall, Haverhill, Mass.; May Marshall, sister of Eva; Isabelle Kunkin, Cambridge, Mass.; Laura Gilmore, Exeter, N. H.

The saved are Alice Haggarty, Eileen Brennan and Skipper Fred Miles. Farrington and Alward were both law students at Harvard university, rooming at Forsyth hall. Both were good swimmers and lost their lives in trying to rescue the others. The party left Star Island about 4 o'clock on the pleasure trip and had sailed around Appledore Island, and the boat was returning for home when it was struck by the squall and capsized. The accident happened not more than 200 feet from shore and was witnessed by many summer guests from the veranda of the Appledore House. A warning had been previously shouted to the party from the shore as the boat passed by the landing to look out, as the boat was overboarded. The boat was heavily lashed and when it was overturned immediately sank, leaving the 17 persons struggling in the water.

The little steamer San Adams, which plies between the islands, was the first to arrive on the scene, but could do little on account of the accident happening so close inshore. The crew, however, rescued Alice Haggarty, and then the steamer had to back away to a place of safety.

A dozen dories from Appledore Island, each manned by fishermen, were next on the scene, and each got hold of a body which it took immediately to the shore, where Drs. Warren and Heister tried all means of resuscitating, but without success. The bodies were then taken to Music hall, a small dance hall on Appledore Island, where they were laid on cot beds furnished by the hotel, while word was immediately cabled to this city summoning Coroner Shapleigh and Undertaker Nickerson. They went at once on steamer Merriconeag. Coroner Shapleigh viewed the bodies, and decided that an inquest was unnecessary, as the drowning was accidental.

Two waitresses from Star Island came over to the improvised morgue and identified the bodies as they lay upon the cots and each was tagged with its proper name. The bodies were then taken on board the steamer Merriconeag and brought to this city, where they now lie at the undertaking rooms of Mr. Nickerson.

The victims were all young people whose ages would not average over 20 years. Most of the Massachusetts girls were schoolteachers who have been in the habit of passing their summer vacations here in serving as waitresses in the hotel, some of them having been here for eight years past.

None of the victims have any relatives at the island, and their respective families have all been notified by telegraph of the terrible accident. Skipper Fred Miles, who was in charge of the boat, has been employed at the islands for years, and has always been considered thoroughly reliable and trustworthy. He is severely criticized, however, for taking out a party of 17 in a 16-foot boat, which is said to be in violation of the regulations of the islands.

The accident created intense excitement upon both Star and Appledore Islands, and Oscar Leighton, the venerable proprietor of the Appledore House, who has been connected with summer resorts there for 57 years, was nearly prostrated by the terrible accident. It is understood that Farrington, the head waiter, was a graduate of the Cambridge high school.

Earl Cadogan Steps Out

London, July 18.—Earl Cadogan yesterday resigned the lord lieutenant of Ireland. It is understood that Mr. Balfour intends to reduce the number of ministers in the cabinet, which has been increased in recent years until it has become almost unwieldy. Neither a lord lieutenant of Ireland nor an Irish chancellor is likely to be included in the next cabinet.

May Have Perished in Woods

Millville, Mass., July 17.—Although a bloodhound has been searching for Annie Butler, 29 years old, who disappeared from her home last Sunday, no trace of the girl has been found. Her parents believe she has wandered into the woods, and on account of her epileptic troubles she has perished.

Tobacco Farmers Suffer

New Milford, Conn., July 16.—A severe electrical storm, accompanied by a heavy fall of hail, has wrought great havoc among the crops in this vicinity, the tobacco growers particularly suffering. The estimate of the loss is placed at \$40,000. Harvesting of the thousands of good-sized cabbages has already for half an hour.

AMERICAN RACING GEAR

Ready to Be Used in Fitting Out Shamrock II For Cup Race

Providence, July 18.—That there will be a series of races for the American cup in 1905 now seems to be an assured fact in view of an order given to a prominent local manufacturing concern here by Sir Thomas Lipton, and work has already been commenced on a full set of blocks for Shamrock II, now in storage in a South Brooklyn yard.

Unless the precedent established in the preliminary preparations for other large yachting events is deemed to be set at odds, it seems reasonable to believe that if a challenge has not already been issued, one will soon be forthcoming from Lipton because of the plans in process at this early date for the fitting out of the old challenger.

Yachtmen believe it to be certain that Shamrock II will be fitted out early next season in New York. The new blocks will be of stellar material to those furnished by the same firm for Columbia, Constitution, the British Sloop District Shore and the Meteor, owned by Emperor William of Germany.

A report here, which comes from good authority, has it that a large duck concern in Lawrence, Mass., is at work manufacturing material for the sails of Shamrock II. The canvas, the report continues, will be cut into sails at the loft of Thomas Hawley, the British sailmaker, at City Island, New York.

In keeping with these favorable indications comes a report that the wire rigging for Shamrock II is to be furnished by a well known New York firm, all of which leads men well informed on yachting interests to believe that Shamrock II is to be fitted out wholly in her top launch in American racing gear.

Mid Hooty in Corsets

Springfield, Mass., July 18.—Henry M. Wilson, who broke jail in Manchester, N. H., where he was confined on a charge of burglary, was caught in Long Meadow yesterday, where he was ransacking the residence of Mrs. J. Howarth, by William Goldilwaite and Joseph Watters. Previous to going to the suburban town he ransacked the home of John Lawrence in this city. On his arrival here Wilson was searched. He was wearing a pair of corsets and inside them were found watches and all sorts of jewelry.

Mystery Deeper Than Ever

Beverly, Mass., July 18.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Wilbur Clark, 4 years old, who has been missing since noon on June 17, has far from solution as it was 15 minutes after the boy tottered away from his father at Chelmsford pond, Essex. Bloodhounds and hunters have failed to find anything new. Mr. Clark has given up hopes of ever seeing the boy alive again, but Mrs. Clark believes that the boy is alive and will eventually be returned to his home.

Chauffeurs Will Be Watched

Stockbridge, Mass., July 18.—Automobiles who tour through Berkshire will have to be careful of their speed, for Stockbridge has now fallen in line with Lenox and Pittsfield in keeping an eye on fast automobiles. Distances are to be marked out on the highways, and a mounted officer with stop-watch in hand will keep close "tabs" on all tourists who desire to speed along the highways surrounding this town.

Yachting Party Capsized

Boston, July 18.—Captain John Morris of the ship yacht Aphrodite, with James Harvey, Mrs. Harvey, her 7-year-old daughter and another, arrived here last evening on a schooner, having been capsized from their boat about five miles southeast of Richmond Island on the Maine coast. None of the party was injured. The yacht drifted away and was later picked up and towed into Portland harbor.

Shot Brother-in-Law

Hartford, July 18.—Joseph Guzman pleaded guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree before Justice Beckwith at East Windsor yesterday. At the request of State Attorney Butts he was continued until Tuesday. Guzman shot his brother-in-law, Stanislaus Manditz, in the head Wednesday night, and death resulted yesterday. Guzman claimed that he shot Manditz in self-defense.

A Boy's Unlucky Find

Bristol, R. I., July 18.—Manuel Da Ponte, 10 years old, was killed here yesterday by the explosion of a bomb. His left shoulder was shattered and he was otherwise injured. It is supposed that the bomb was one intended for use during the celebration by the Italians one night recently, and that the boy found it somewhere.

Clark Probably Not in Maine

Biddeford, Me., July 18.—Local officers are convinced that the missing Wilbur Clark of Beverly, Mass., has not been in this section of the state, although the description of the boy Mrs. C. F. Lewis saw whipped at a gypsy camp on the outskirts of Sacatally in some respects with that of the missing Clark boy.

Held on Manslaughter Charge

Chelsea, Mass., July 18.—Malachi Bourke, notorious on the Boston and Northern Street Railway company's Revere Beach car which ran over and instantly killed Frank T. Kiff, aged 5, was arraigned yesterday on charge of manslaughter. Justice Cutler ordered him to furnish \$1000 for appearance on July 23.

Damage by Electrical Storm

Manchester, Vt., July 18.—A terrific electrical storm passed over this section of the state last night, causing considerable damage. Two large barns owned by Jesse Mattison were struck by lightning and burned.

Chosen For Governor

Burlington, Vt., July 17.—P. W. Clement of Rutland was unanimously nominated for governor by the Local Option league convention yesterday afternoon. F. W. Agan of Ludlow was nominated for lieutenant governor and the convention endorsed the balance of the ticket named at the Republican convention at Montpelier.

VATICAN PLANS

Are Not Acceptable to the United States

LATEST NOTE FROM ROOT

Insists Upon the Removal of the Friars in the Interest of the Whole People of the Philippines—Negotiations at Rome Ended

Rome, July 17.—The Vatican is buzzing with comments on the last American note, submitted yesterday, the contents of which were somewhat unexpected, as it was thought that Washington would make counter-propositions. A majority here represent the result as a success for papal diplomacy, while others express the opinion that the friars will not get in Manila better terms than those offered here and that the affair may end in their being obliged to leave the archipelago with less money, as it would be impossible to bring before the courts the 60,000 tenants who occupy their lands, paying no rent therefor.

This, and the partial failure of the visit to Rome of Judge Taft, would be the last straw for the religious orders, as it would justify the governments of France, Spain, etc., which took measures against them without having recourse to the Vatican.

The following is in part Judge Taft's last note to the Vatican: "In reply to the notes of your excellency of June 21 and July 6, I have just received a communication from the secretary of war, in which he says he is glad to see that the holy see is animated by the best intentions to come to an understanding with Washington about the relations between church and state in the Philippines; that his excellency has declared the Vatican to be disposed to give clear and precise instructions to the friars to occupy themselves with religion only, abstaining entirely from politics, and that the holy see proposes to introduce, little by little, secularization of other municipalities especially American. Secretary Root adds that he cannot do less than acknowledge the wisdom of these propositions, but that he must observe that they would not solve the question.

"The United States has no desire to violate the treaty of Paris, and seeks not a forcible, but a voluntary withdrawal of certain persons, who happen to be Spaniards and whose previous experience in the islands had thrown them into antagonistic relations with the people and with the Catholic clergy and native clergy, many of whom have left their parishes and can only be retained by using material force, which the United States cannot permit. If the question of withdrawal be left unsolved, now that the Washington government has persuaded the ecclesiastical authorities to see the necessity of carrying out this step, the later withdrawal of the friars under order of the religious superior could not be regarded as anything but voluntary and would not violate the treaty of Paris. Nor could such order be regarded as affirming or admitting any accusations against the friars, because the American government made no such accusation. The United States did not desire the withdrawal of itself—it was indifferent to the presence of the friars—but in the interest of the whole people of the Philippines who were bitterly opposed to their presence.

"It was thought, by the generous proposal of a contract which would bind the Philippine government to certain financial and other obligations, to secure the much longed-for desire of the Philippine people in the withdrawal of the friars. Now that the Vatican does not see its way clear to make a definite withdrawal, the American government has deemed it wiser to revert to the methods of settlement of the various questions arising suggested by Cardinal Raimondo's first communication, namely:

"First, an investigation by both sides into the possible and probable habits and claims and settlement of them by an accredited apostolic delegate with the governor in Manila, after the conditions with respect to the titles of the friars to the land and the amount of claims for rental have been presented by the representative of the church to the representatives of the Philippine government in Manila.

"As to the indemnity for the friars' lands, this might be done by examining the title deeds. The Washington government will immediately order the general commanding the forces in the Philippines to furnish all indications necessary to ascertain what damage has been done by the military occupation. Although regretful that all the questions have not been decided definitely the government is glad to express satisfaction at the results obtained."

Judge Taft concludes his note to the Vatican thus: "In obedience to Secretary Root's dispatch, I request that the future negotiations on the points noted be held in Manila between an apostolic delegate and the governor, after the information suggested above by Secretary Root has been ascertained and presented."

SPOONER FACTION ROUTED

Governor LaFollette Is Renominated by Republicans of Wisconsin

Madison, Wis., July 18.—Governor Robert M. LaFollette of Madison was yesterday renominated for governor by the Republican state convention. The vote was as follows: LaFollette, 240; Whitehead, 200; scattering, 10. H. E. Chynoweth placed Governor LaFollette in nomination and John M. Whitehead of Janesville, the stalwart candidate, was placed in nomination by A. B. Mathewson. The stalwarts, while apparently chagrined over their overwhelming defeat, said they would fight to the last ditch to send Senator Spooner back to the upper house at Washington. James O. Davidson was nominated for lieutenant governor.

NEW ENGLAND SHEPES

Antonia Carcano, an Italian, convicted at Boston of assault with intent to kill Augustus Wampan, was sentenced to not more than 10 and not less than eight years in the state prison.

Miss Katherine Allen of Mansfield, Conn., is dead. She was one of the best known educators in the country. She was born in South Yarmouth, Mass., and has been for more than 30 years a teacher.

The Rhode Island militia has received an invitation to participate in the maneuvers of the United States regular army at Fort Riley, Kas., in September.

Professor Rufus W. Hildman has been elected president of the Connecticut Agricultural college. Professor Hildman has been acting president of the college since last September.

Rev. Clarence F. Swift, D. D., of Minneapolis was installed as pastor of the Central Congregational church at Fall River, Mass., following a council composed of delegates from churches covering a wide range of country.

Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks, D. D., has closed a 28th year's pastorate at the South Congregational church at St. Johnsbury, Vt. He enters the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum as librarian next fall.

The receipts of the Vermont soldiers' home during the past year amounted to \$250,000, and the disbursements \$19,000. The present membership of the home is 100. Ten deaths have occurred.

During a thunder shower at Lynn a three-story building on Marshall's wharf was struck by lightning and partially burned. The loss is about \$2000.

The donor of the new clinical building of the Yale medical school is announced to be Mrs. Thomas G. Bennett of New Haven. Mrs. Bennett gave \$90,000 for the building and site as a memorial of her mother.

Paul Bergeron, 10 years old, went bathing in the Natchaug river at Wilmamette, Conn., and he was not seen again until a party of boys found his dead body floating.

Judge William G. Eschbould died at West Stockbridge, Mass., aged 70. He was a prominent financier and was one of the oldest members of the Berkshire bar, having admitted to practice in 1826.

United States trading ship Hartford reports that W. C. Forbes, an apprentice, aged 25, fell overboard and was drowned when the Hartford was 10 miles west of New London, in Long Island sound.

Miss Ada G. Matthews of Haverhill, Mass., was found dead in her bed by her mother. Death was due to asphyxiation. Miss Matthews graduated from the high school in the class of 1896 and was very popular.

An unknown woman found dead at Lawrence, Mass., was identified as Margaret Murphy. While she had worked in local mills, Manchester, N. H., was believed to be her home.

The cornerstone of St. Anne's French Catholic church was laid at Fall River with appropriate exercises, the ceremonies being presided over by Bishop Harkins.

Fire in the Second Unitarian church, Salem, Mass., destroyed the organ and part of the building, causing a loss of about \$5500. The church was built in 1834.

Helen G. Day, aged 32, wife of Holman F. Day, the Maine poet, died suddenly at her home in Auburn, Me. Mrs. Day had been in poor health for several months.

A boat containing James Doby, Patrick Gorham and Anthony Joyce, was run down by a ferryboat at Boston and Joyce was drowned. The other two men were picked up by the ferryboat's crew.

F. A. Waugh of Vermont university has been appointed professor of horticulture to succeed S. T. Maynard at the Massachusetts Agricultural college.

With appropriate ceremonies, the new Masonic hall at Lewiston, Me., was dedicated by the grand lodge of Masons of Maine.

The championship of the Connecticut League of Golf Clubs was won by G. H. Seeley, who defeated Robert Moore.

Joseph A. Harrington, 19 years old, of Springfield, Mass., employed on the Springfield Union, was drowned in the Connecticut river while bathing.

William Prates, a stove-maker, was overcome by the heat at Portland, Me., fell overboard and was drowned. Prates was about 37 years of age.

Charles Merrithew, aged 6, was fatally scalded at Belfast, Me., by falling into a tub of hot water.

The Lynn, Mass., common council refused to consent with the aldermen in appropriating \$1000 for the celebration of Old Home week and consequently there will be no such observance in that city.

Valuable Securities Astray

Boston, July 11.—Pastoffice Inspector McMillin is investigating the reported theft of a letter from the mails containing \$2000 of negotiable securities, which had been sent by a broker firm in this city to a New York client. Investigation shows that the letter was lost either on the train or after its arrival in New York.

Victory For Street Railways

Boston, July 16.—The full council of the supreme court yesterday held that the general street railway statute of 1898, imposing a tax upon all street railways and relieving them from the obligation to keep the streets in repair, except where the obligation is a condition of an original grant of location, is constitutional.

Strike Breakers Quit

Plymouth, Mass., July 15.—Sixty-five non-union weavers, employed at the American Woollen company's Puritan mill here, in an attempt to break the weavers' strike, stopped work yesterday and marched in a body to the union headquarters at Weavers' hall. No cause has as yet been given for their act.

Annual Fire at Salisbury Beach

Amesbury, Mass., July 14.—Salisbury Beach was visited by fire yesterday, 28 buildings being destroyed, causing a loss of from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Two summer hotels and several cottages and stores were burned. This is the third consecutive year that fire has caused a heavy loss at this resort.

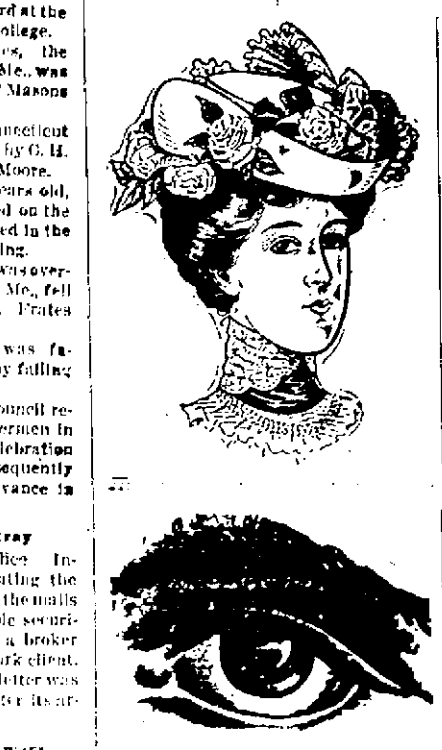
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